

REMARKS

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejections in the Office Action dated September 21, 2009, claims 1-11 have been amended. Entry of these amendments, reconsideration of the present patent application and allowance of all claims pending herein are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below. Claims 1-11 are now pending.

Specification Objections:

The disclosure stands objected to as clearly not describing the invention. In particular, it is requested that the last paragraph on page 11 be amended. As indicated above, an amendment to paragraph [0036] of the published application, which is the last paragraph on page 11 of the application as filed, has been amended to substitute “(P3)” for “(P4)” in the first instance. The typographical error in the original application would be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art from a review of FIGS. 4-8 and thus no new matter has been added. Thus, this objection is believed to be overcome.

§ 112 Rejections:

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, it is allegedly unclear for one of ordinary skill in the art to connect all the pinions together in the claims. Also, the language of claim 1 is allegedly confusing. The claims have been amended to clarify the subject matter recited therein and are believed to be definite.

Also, relative to the particular objection relative to the selector device being positioned on an inside and outside of the flange Applicant respectfully points out that at least the lever would be located on an outside of the housing to allow its manipulation by a user, and thus the selector device could clearly be located inside and outside such a housing.

Thus, the indicated rejections are believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



Victor A. Cardona, Esq.
Attorney for Applicant(s)
Registration No. 44,589

Dated: January 21, 2010

HESLIN ROTHENBERG FARLEY & MESITI, P.C.

5 Columbia Circle

Albany, New York 12203

Telephone: (518) 452-5600

Facsimile: (518) 452-5579